

berry, may prove of commercial importance; No. 34420, the famous nipa palm of the Orient, *Nypa fruticans*, with the leaves of which the houses of the natives are thatched and from the sap of which alcohol in great quantities is made, preliminary trials indicating that this palm will probably grow in southern Florida along the tidal swamps and possibly on the Everglades where not too cold; Nos. 34426 and 34427, a variety of pop corn from Spain with a purple aleurone layer and peculiarly adapted for cross-fertilization; Nos. 34440 to 34454, 15 named varieties of mango from Trinidad, representing local and East Indian introduced sorts; No. 34493, the che fruit from the Yangtze Valley, *Cudrania tricuspidata*, which has already fruited at Augusta, Ga., bearing a delicate-flavored edible fruit that looks like a small pink Osage orange, to which it is botanically related and with which it might hybridize; No. 34620, a wild species of asparagus, *A. acutifolius*, from the dry slopes of the Maritime Alps of southern France, the shoots of which are gathered and form a regular article of commerce, being thin but very delicate in flavor; No. 34622, the Bushman grass, *Aristida* sp., from the Kalahari Desert, which, together with the Tsama melon, forms the principal stock and game food of the country; No. 34630, a tall-growing tropical fruit-bearing vine, *Tetrastigma harmandi*, from Luzon, which has fruits that resemble the Scuppernong grape in appearance and make a good "refresco;" Nos. 34643 to 34654, through Miss E. R. Scidmore, a collection including the adzuki and other beans used in Japan for confectionery purposes and for the manufacture of the remarkable bean cheeses, or curds, which are so much used by the Japanese; No. 34657, through Mr. C. V. Piper, a subtropical lawn grass, *Osterdamia matrella*, for use in southern Florida, Hawaii, and Porto Rico, which at Manila has proved superior to Bermuda grass; No. 34661, a remarkable hybrid eucalypt, *Eucalyptus trabuti*, discovered by Dr. Trabut in Algiers and named after him, which proves to be one of the most vigorous eucalypts yet known and is said to be the first undoubted hybrid discovered; No. 34663, a variety of potato from Bogota, Bolivia, which the sender thinks is resistant to the *Phytophthora*, which disease, he reports, has made the acclimatization of imported varieties there impossible; No. 34697, a Korean persimmon, *Diospyros kaki*, which can be kept until Easter; No. 34698, a variety of avocado, *Persea americana*, of which a tree 100 years old was found by Dr. Gustav Eisen in the Pincio Garden at Rome, the fruits of which were mature in November before the early frosts of that region occur; No. 34713, a small-fruited variety of Chinese persimmon from Canton, which is used there as a stock on which to graft the larger fruited forms of this fruit; Nos. 34715 to 34724, a collection of seeds of New Zealand trees and shrubs suited to practically frostless regions.